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Tyler Delivers Gelber Lecture on U.S.-China Relations

by Lee Townsend

When Patrick Tyler delivered this year's Lionel Gelber lecture on international affairs November 9 at Club Quarters his subject was relations between the governments of the United States and China. But even though the U.S. presidential election was held two days earlier, neither Tyler nor anyone else could say what American government would be dealing with China.

Nevertheless, in his address and a question period, Tyler made clear what the future problems and challenges are, whichever party occupies the White House.

Tyler, Moscow Bureau Chief for *The New York Times* and the newspaper's former Beijing Bureau Chief, was the 2000 winner of the \$50,000 Lionel Gelber prize for his book "A Great Wall: Six Presidents and China: An Investigative History" (PublicAffairs, 1999).

Tyler thinks our huge trade deficit with China will not be a political problem because both parties now recognize the benefits of China trade, including open-

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KRISTIN CALLAHAN, CAMERA ONE

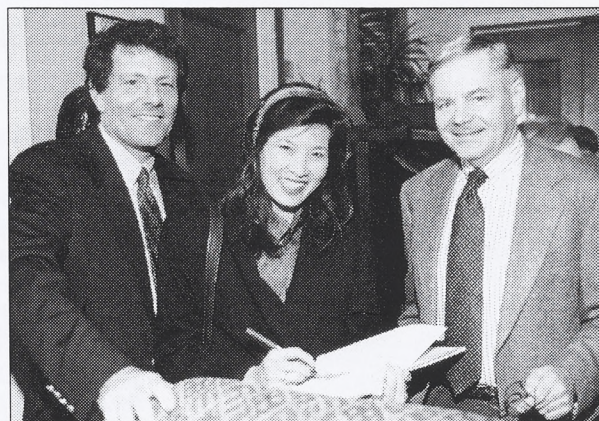
Patrick Tyler, Nancy Gelber, and Larry Martz during the reception before the Lionel Gelber Lecture on International Affairs.

Kristofs Are Optimistic About Asia's Future

by John Bausman

Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *New York Times* correspondents in Asia for 14 years, gave an optimistic forecast on the region's future despite daunting problems in a talk November 2 at Club Quarters.

The husband-and-wife writing team, awarded a Pulitzer Prize and the OPC Hal Boyle Award for their reporting from Tiananmen Square in 1989, spoke at a party marking publication of their new book, "Thunder from the East: Portrait of a Rising Asia"



MICHAEL POLIO, CAMERA ONE

The Kristofs sign a copy of their book for Larry Martz.

(Alfred A. Knopf, September 2000). The evening, which drew an audience of

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East Timor Foreign Minister Calls for Robust Journalistic Era

by John Martin

Freedom of the Press Committee

WASHINGTON, DC—The Foreign Minister of East Timor, Jose Ramos-Horta, called for an era of robust but ethical journalism—shielded from government intervention—as the best guarantee of democracy and press freedom in his new country.

Ramos-Horta, who shared the Nobel

Peace Prize in 1996, said he wants to take a temporary leave from his diplomatic post to set up national radio and television services, independent of government editorial control and run by editors elected by their staffs.

“To make (the services) even more independent,” he told a World Press Freedom Committee audience on November 1 at the Willard Hotel, “(we

should) use the *Le Monde* democratic process in electing the editor-in chief.

“That would ensure the government of the day does not interfere with their own appointments,” he said, “at least judging from the experience in some European countries.”

Trained as a journalist, the foreign minister worked as a radio and television correspondent in East Timor between 1969 and 1974 and as a public affairs and media director at the Mozambique Embassy in Washington for two years in the 1980s.

Ramos-Horta was delivering the World Press Freedom Committee’s 14th Annual Harold Andersen Lecture. Andersen was an early leader and formerly Chairman of the Committee. He is also the former Chairman and CEO of the *Omaha World-Herald*.

“As we build the democratic institutions for independence,” Ramos-Horta said, “there is no discussion, there is no debate about it, that a truly independent and democratic East Timor...will be dependent on a truly independent and democratic media.”

Under attack by Indonesian military forces, residents of East Timor who sought independence, suffered at least 200,000 deaths over 25 years and about

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OPC Opposed Anti-Leak Legislation

The OPC joined several other U.S. news organizations in urging President Clinton to veto the intelligence agency funding bill whose anti-leak clause called for criminal punishment for government officials who disclose classified information.

In his October 31 letter to the White House, President Larry Martz wrote, “while our more than 600 members understand the concern of the intelligence community with safeguarding legitimate government secrets, we have also had extensive personal experience of the tendency of officials everywhere to hide any damaging information under the security blanket.”

“Because this (bill) is so sweepingly worded, with no clear indication of what

classified information is covered, it is clear to us that it would have a chilling effect on all government officials who deal with the media,” Martz continued. “It would further intimidate whistleblowers who seek to expose wrongdoing, and it would deprive the public of information needed to understand what the government is doing,” the OPC president stated.

President Clinton vetoed the bill early in November.

News organizations which urged the President to veto the legislation included *The Washington Post*, CNN, *The New York Times*, Newspaper Association of America, The Committee of Concerned Journalists, the Radio-Television News Directors Association and others.

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A Look at Our Election Over Here, From Our Voters Over There

by John G. Morris

Longtime OPC member John G. Morris edits The Overseas Democrat in Paris. We asked John to give us a report on overseas American voters.

"Now it's up to us!" proclaimed the fall edition of *The Overseas Democrat*, edited in Paris. The exhortation was aimed, specifically, at the 1500 or so Democrats on the mailing list of Democrats Abroad France. *The Overseas Democrat* parent edition, electronically edited in Yokohama by Ruth S. McCreery, carried the message on the web to uncounted thousands of Democrats throughout the world. (<http://www.democratsabroad.org>).

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Little did the editors know that the closeness of the 2000 Presidential election would land overseas absentee voters on front pages following election day. This time speculation centered on Florida, where Governor Bush clung to a 300-vote lead after a first recount. The overseas absentee vote, finally counted November 17, gave Bush another 1,380 votes and Gore another 750, widening the gap to 930. Bush was later certified the winner in Florida.

Republicans have long claimed to garner a majority of overseas votes, especially among members of the armed

forces. Nobody really knows just how many of the 6,000,000 overseas Americans actually vote, as their votes are scattered throughout the United States. The Republican National Committee finances the GOP overseas campaign, advertising in *The International Herald Tribune* and other media. They publish a slick magazine and mail out thousands of ballots to known supporters.

The Democrats, in contrast, depend on grassroots organization, with thousands active in France, the U.K., Germany, Italy, Israel, Japan, Canada and Mexico, and chapters in many smaller countries including Ireland and Romania. They caucus in each country, hold a worldwide convention before each presidential election and send voting delegates to the national convention. Republicans send only overseas observers to their convention and have no publication comparable to *The Overseas Democrat*.

This year Democrats Abroad have to content themselves knowing that in other states they contributed substantially to the Gore presidential margin, and to Democratic victories in such Congressional contests as the race for U.S. Senate in Michigan. Democrats in France contributed \$17,000 to such races. *The Overseas Democrat* has one advertiser, no circulation income and no support from Washington.

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ing a vast market for American goods. He noted the rising levels of trade and contact with China as good signs.

He sees the status of Taiwan to be the biggest potential threat to relations between the U.S. and China. Tyler's book reminded readers how Taiwan is a war issue and could result in "a real war scenario." With "forces aligned in Congress to protect Taiwan," Tyler noted the "crisis of '96 could all too easily recur."

During the 1996 U.S. Presidential election campaign, Taiwanese politicians stepped up calls for nationhood and China answered by conducting missile tests and military maneuvers in the Taiwan strait. President Clinton responded by sending two aircraft-carrier battle groups to the area in support of Taipei.

Tensions rose again last winter when China announced it could not wait indefinitely for Taiwan to reunite with the mainland.

Tyler pointed out that when the U.S. sells sophisticated weapons to Taiwan, it goes against past promises and winds up "feeding the pro-independence" feeling in Taiwan.

Tyler said if Taiwan declares independence, we will be dragged in and the new administration would have to respond.

But Tyler cautioned that the "Chinese must heal their own wounds" and added, "we can't control the politics of Taiwan

...We don't control policy in Beijing."

On other matters, Tyler said:

—"I think the most dire predictions didn't happen" when China took control of Hong Kong, but there is some evidence of a gradual loss of freedom.

—More than 10 years after the Tiananmen Square massacre, "young people are more inclined to give the government a break." Human rights violations continue "to be bad," but "personal freedom has improved" and many people have an easier time changing jobs and increasing income.

—In dealing with countries like China, "we've always been more effective when we lead by example" by such efforts as promoting standards of human rights around the world and encouraging student exchanges.

—China and Tibet have not found ways to reestablish dialogue and they need to come to terms. Many politicians in this country push independence more than the Dalai Lama does.

For the third year in a row, the Gelber Lecture was sponsored jointly by the Gelber Foundation, the Foreign Policy Association, and the OPC. Before the speech, brief remarks were made by Gelber Foundation President Nancy Gelber, Foreign Policy Association President Noel V. Lateef and OPC President Larry Martz.



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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia:

In a report to the *Bulletin*, OPC founding member **Fay Gillis Wells** said she took the numbers in her age, 92, put the 2 in front, turned the 9 upside down "and voila, I'm 26 again and as they say, 'There are no problems, only solutions.'" Wells remains as active as she was in the 1930s, when she was flying airplanes in Russia. This autumn, she traveled to Philadelphia for a meeting of 99s, an organization of women pilots; to Cleveland for a board meeting of the International Air and Space Museum; and to Atchison, Kansas, to organize next summer's celebration of the International Forest of Friendship that honors men and women "who have or still are contributing to all facets of aviation and aerospace."

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: OPC member M. Dan Morris visited Alaska this autumn to conduct research on 18th and 19th Century Russian voyages to America. He also addressed the local Society for Technical Communication on "Quiddity: How to write briefly without briefing it out of existence." In Seattle, Morris launched his new booklet, "Capstones of 20th Century Construction." He is author of three books and editor of 93 books, most of them dealing with engineering.

BEIJING: Clay Chandler of *The Washington Post* reported that Chinese President Jiang Zemin "projected the easy charm of a media-savvy American politician" when OPC member **Mike Wallace**, co-editor of CBS News' "60 Minutes" and an OPC member, interviewed him in Beijing in September. But, Chandler continued, Jiang "flew into a rage" when Hong Kong reporters met him in October, and cable television journalist **Sharon Cheung** asked if China's support for Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa was tantamount to an "imperial order." *The Post* said Jiang leaped to his feet, jabbed a finger at the questioner and exclaimed: "You media need to raise your general knowledge level, get it? You should not say we have an imperial order and then criticize me. Got it? Naive! I'm so angry.... The ques-

tions you keep asking—too simple! Sometimes naive! Understand or not? Got it?" *The Washington Post* correspondent wrote: "Jiang's fit of pique highlights the tensions in China's relationship with the freewheeling commercial enclave it reclaimed from Britain in 1997."

BETHLEHEM, Israel: Freelance photographer **Yola Monakhov**, 26, was wounded by gunfire Nov. 11 during a clash between Israelis and Palestinians near Bethlehem. She was on assignment for AP, photographing Palestinian youths who were breaking up stones for their slingshots when she was shot by an Israeli soldier. A bullet ruptured her



Yola Monakhov

bladder, injured other organs and fractured her pelvis. She underwent a six-hour operation to repair the damage, but the bullet was left in her lower abdomen. Surgeons said it was not safe to remove the slug. Monakhov, who is Jewish, was a former freelance photographer for the *Daily News* in New York City. Another freelance photographer, **Patrick Andrade**, said Monakhov had moved to the Middle East to advance her career. She was the second foreign journalist to be shot in six weeks of autumn violence that has killed nearly 200 people.

DAR es SALAAM: OPC member **Sheila Cole Nilva's** six-month Rotary Fellowship to study in Tanzania ended in November "and I can't say it hasn't been interesting," she reported on a postcard to OPC Executive Director **Sonya K. Fry**. "Computer illnesses have plagued me from day one. A porter dropped me in a hold on the Dar es Salaam-Zanzibar ferry fracturing my writing arm in 2 places. Have had it set twice & will once again in N.Y." Nilva is working on a Ph.D. thesis, much of it devoted to East Africa, and will continue writing during a three-month fellowship with the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation in Taos, New Mexico.

GAZA CITY: Ben Wedeman, 41, CNN bureau chief in Cairo, was shot in the back Oct. 31 while covering clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. His injuries were not life-threatening, CNN reported. "He and other press were in the area and unfortunately they came across crossfire and were caught in it," **Claudia Coles**, a CNN spokeswoman in London, said. An Israeli Army spokesman quoted by AP

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said Wedeman was hit while he was on the Palestinian side or somewhere between the two sides. Before he was shot, Wedeman was filming an Israeli bunker.

HONG KONG: Willy Wo-lap Lam resigned as columnist of the daily *South China Morning Post* in November, five days after he was stripped of his duties as an associate editor at the English-language newspaper. Lam, 48, said the paper's Chinese owner no longer tolerated his reporting on behind-the-scenes politics in Beijing. Editor **Robert Keatley** denied that Lam was sidelined by his columns, but rather the paper wanted to put its China coverage under one editor.

Two recent Lam columns stirred trouble. One claimed that Beijing offered lucrative business deals to 30 Hong Kong tycoons in return for supporting Hong Kong's China-appointed chief executive for a second term. One of those tycoons, billionaire **Robert Kuok**, owns the *South China Morning Post*. Another Lam column said Beijing leaders were rattled by the fall of Yugoslavia's president, because they feared they could be next. **Mark Landler** of *The New York Times* reported: "The resignation of Mr. Lam, arguably the most prominent China-watcher in Hong Kong, has fanned fears of a gradual smothering of free expression in this former British colony." Lam has written five books on China (August 1999 *Bulletin*). In a letter to Keatley, **Johann P. Fritz**, director of the Vienna-based International Press Institute, called for Lam's reinstatement, writing that his resignation "raises fears over the amount of influence pro-Beijing groups and the Chinese authorities have over what is reported in the Hong Kong media."

LA PAZ: Peter McFarren, an AP correspondent in Bolivia since 1983, resigned in October after he spoke in favor of a \$78 million proposal to export water from Bolivia to copper mining companies in Chile. Although his remarks were made on behalf of the Bolivian Hydro-Resources Corporation, McFarren said he was not paid nor had any connection with the corporation. But he agreed the project would financially benefit a foundation he has set up to build a children's cultural museum in Bolivia. **James. M. Donna**, AP's vice president for human resources, said: "As soon as we were aware of the facts in this matter,

we moved immediately to cure a conflict of interest. He [McFarren] resigned on the spot. AP rules make very clear that it is unacceptable for staff members to endorse or give the appearance of endorsing causes or political points of view." McFarren, who has never written about the water project for AP, said his presentation in a Bolivian Congressional building was made to an organization of community leaders. McFarren said he told his supervisor about his involvement with the water project, but his supervisor, **Eduardo Gallardo**, AP bureau chief in Chile, said he was unaware of McFarren's efforts on behalf of the project. Born in Bolivia, McFarren also holds U.S. citizenship.

LOS ANGELES: Bill Shinn, 82, who covered the three-year Korean War for AP from start to finish and scooped his competitors by filing the first bulletin on the 1950 Inchon landing, now is fighting his second battle against cancer. Treatment cleared throat cancer several years ago, but a new cancer was detected this autumn and he started undergoing chemotherapy in October. "I'm going to beat this," Shinn told the *Bulletin*. But to make matters worse, "My wife Sally has been in and out of the hospital several times this



Bill Shinn

year." Shinn wrote "The Forgotten War Remembered: A War Correspondent's Notebook and Today's Danger in Korea" [Elizabeth, New Jersey: Hollym International, 1996], an English-language version of his earlier book published in Korean and Japanese. After the war, he worked many years as a correspondent for South Korea's Sisa News Agency in Tokyo, where he was president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, 1976-1977. Now living in Los Angeles, Shinn, who was born Shinn Wha-bong in North Korea, has heard nothing from or about his parents, who were still in North Korea when the war started a half century ago.

MILAN, Italy: OPC member **John G. Morris** was in Milan in November to help launch the Italian edition of his autobiography, "Get the Picture: A Personal History of Photojournalism," published in 1998 by Random House in New York (May 1998 *Bulletin*). In his

OPC Awards Applications

Over 2,000 awards applications went out in mid-November so the process is underway for another year. The contest is for work in the calendar year 2000 and covers 19 categories from newspapers, magazines and books to radio and TV to cartoons and photography with special awards for business, Latin America, environment and human rights.

Bill Holstein is heading up the judging process again this year and will be putting together the judging teams for each of the categories. The entire effort will culminate with the OPC Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 26 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York.

autobiography, Morris writes that "picture editors are the unwitting tastemakers, the unappointed guardians of morality, the talent brokers, the accomplices to celebrity." After returning from Milan to his Paris base, Morris faxed the *Bulletin*: "The Italian title [of my book] is 'Sguardi sul 900: Cinquant'anni di fotogiornalismo.' This is the third foreign edition after the French and Japanese." A Club member more than 40 years, Morris was former picture editor at *Life*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, and he was Magnum Photos first executive editor.

MORGANTOWN, West Virginia:

When **George Esper** was a physical education student at West Virginia University, he hoped to make the football team and go into coaching. But at 150 pounds, he was cut from the team on the first day of practice. Sensing his enthusiasm, the coach appointed him football manager, and Esper launched his own career in journalism by working in the university's Sports Information Department. After 42 years as an AP correspondent, Esper, now 68, returned to his alma mater in September to become a professor in West Virginia's Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism (Reed founded the school) on a three-year contract. He was appointed the university's first Shott Professor of Journalism, a chair newly endowed by the Ogden Nutting family, owners of newspapers in West Virginia, Florida,

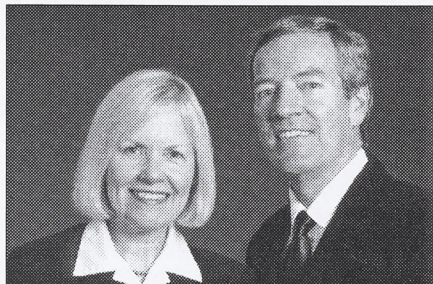
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Iowa, Minnesota and New York. Esper joined AP in 1958, and he covered wars in Vietnam and Iraq and U.S. peace missions in Somalia and Bosnia. He won an OPC citation for his dispatches from Vietnam. Five weeks after the 1975 Communist victory, the Vietnam government kicked Esper out of Saigon. In 1993, Vietnam allowed AP to return, and Esper spent several months in Hanoi, reopening the bureau. Esper's last AP assignment was special correspondent based in Boston. This May, before he became a professor, West Virginia University awarded him an honorary doctorate degree (October *Bulletin*). Esper is author of "The Eyewitness History of the Vietnam War," a book focused on the human side of the war.

NEW YORK: *Time* publishes separate editions in the U.S., Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada and Latin America, and the magazine "can react to the week's news around the world with as many as 11 different covers." That was the word this autumn from OPC member **Norman Pearlstine**, editor-in-chief of Time Warner Inc., in announcing a new alignment of international editors who include two husband-and-wife teams. **Christopher Redman**, editor of *Time Europe* in London, becomes an editor-at-large in London, returning to reporting



Ann and Donald Morrison

and writing. Redman is succeeded in London by **Donald Morrison**, editor of *Time Asia* in Hong Kong, and his wife, **Ann**, who was editor of *Asiaweek*, a Time Inc.-owned magazine. Taking over from Donald is his deputy, **Adi Ignatius**. Tokyo-born **Karl Taro Greenfield**, a *Time* business writer in New York, becomes Ignatius' deputy, and Ignatius' wife, **Dorinda Elliott**, who was *Newsweek's* Asia editor, takes over as editor of *Asiaweek*.

In another shift, **Walter Isaacson**, 48, *Time's* managing editor, was appointed editorial director of Time, Inc. effective



James Kelly and Walter Isaacson

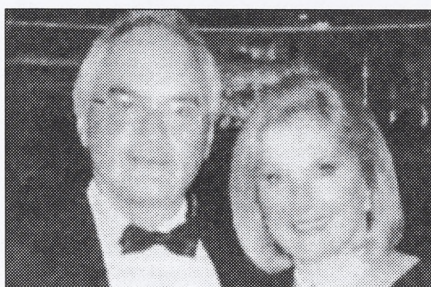
Jan. 1. He succeeds OPC member **Henry Muller**, who became a Time, Inc. editor-at-large last year. In his new post, Isaacson will be the point man for joint editorial operations of Time Warner and America Online. "My role is to coordinate on the editorial side what the magazines do with CNN and AOL," Isaacson told *The New York Times*. **James Kelly**, 45, deputy managing editor of *Time* and a former international news reporter, becomes the magazine's managing editor, succeeding Isaacson.

Meanwhile, **Norman Pearlstine**, 58, signed a new three-year contract as editor-in-chief of Time Inc., overseeing editorial content of *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune*, *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, *Money*, *Entertainment Weekly* and several other magazines. His current contract expires Dec. 31. In September, Pearlstine said he planned to work on several book projects for Warner Books next year, touching off media speculation that he would leave the editor's chair.



Norman Pearlstine

OPC member **David Currier**, 64 an executive editor of *Parade* magazine, and **Mary Alice Kellogg**, 52, a freelance food and travel writer, were married Nov. 11 in the Essex House, New York City. The couple met 21 years ago when both were senior editors at *Parade*, and they dated briefly. Kellogg later married but was



David Currier and Mary Alice Kellogg

divorced in 1992. Currier, who had never married, told *The New York Times*, one of the nation's few newspapers to include interviews with its wedding announcements: "After the divorce, I resumed my courtship and it lasted a year, a year and a half. But it wasn't to be. We went our separate ways." But this past April, Kellogg, then traveling in Denmark, wrote to Currier, and they were back together. Kellogg told *The Times*: "I found myself looking for someone like David. It was then that I finally realized that he was the person I needed to be with all along."

OPC member **Walter Cronkite**, who turned 84 on Nov. 4, believes the public must be smartened up if broadcast and print media are to improve their products. In a letter published in the Nov. 1 *New York Times*, the retired CBS News anchor wrote: "Television, in news and entertainment, has suffered a huge dumbing down because that is where the audience is. Television, which is primarily a for-profit enterprise, can only realize this objective by appealing to the lowest common denominator. If we want better television (and newspapers, magazines and movies), a dumbing down of the media is not going to do it. Instead, we had better look to a smartening up of the people. That would produce a more discerning and demanding audience." Cronkite was commenting on the closing of a serious news program tested by WBBM-TV of Chicago.

Pacifica Radio correspondent **Amy Goodman** disrupted the 1999 OPC Awards Dinner with impromptu remarks criticizing a Club press freedom report. Now she has angered Bill Clinton. On November's Election Day, the President telephoned Goodman at WBAI, her New York station, for a get-out-the vote chat. *The Washington Post's* "Reliable Source" column reported: "Goodman grilled him [Clinton] for half an hour on everything from NAFTA to Ralph Nader. Clinton exploded: 'Every question you've asked has been hostile and combative, so you listen to my answer.... Now you just listen to me. You ask the questions, and I'm gonna answer. You have asked questions in a hostile, combative and even disrespectful tone.' Afterward Goodman was unapologetic, telling *The Post*: 'These are the kind of questions our listeners are concerned about.'"

The International Center of Photography opened its remodeled and expanded galleries at 43rd Street and Avenue of the Americas in November with an exhibition from the Center's permanent collection. The Center is closing its premises on Fifth Avenue at 94th Street and by next summer will have moved all its galleries, school and administrative offices to the site that has been under construction since late last year (January *Bulletin*). Founded in 1974 by photojournalist **Cornell Capa**, who sometimes attends OPC events, the Center now owns more than 55,000 prints. Before systematic acquisition started, Capa dug into his own pocket to buy photos and begged for gifts for the collection. He is a brother of the late **Robert Capa**, who won fame for his Spanish Civil War and World War II photos and for whom one of the OPC's annual photo awards is named. The current exhibit of more than 100 photos includes Robert Capa's Spanish Civil War picture of a soldier just as a bullet hit him, Cornell Capa's jitterbuggers at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom and Hiroshi Hamaya's photo that **Vicki Goldberg** of *The New York Times* described as a "monumental, oddly primordial figure planting rice."

Lebanon threatened to revoke the passport of **Raghida Dergham**, New York bureau chief for the London-based daily *Al-Hayat*, this summer after she appeared on a Washington, D.C., symposium that included Uri Lubrani, coordinator of Israeli activities in southern Lebanon. Lebanese law prohibits contact between Lebanese citizens and Israelis. But Dergham said she spoke at the symposium to counter Lubrani. *Al-Hayat* wrote that Dergham "defended her country, Lebanon, and its right to resist Israeli occupation and she responded to Lubrani's lies and misleading presentations. She should be commended for that instead of being condemned in absentia." Dergham's passport was seized later when she arrived at Beirut airport with a press delegation covering a visit by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Her passport was returned but stamped with a warning that it would not be renewed without approval of Lebanon's general directorate for internal security. After appeals from Annan and the Committee to Protect Journalists, Lebanese President Emile Lahoud reversed the order to annul Dergham's passport.

A half century ago, New York City's commissioner of hospitals predicted that **Thelma M. Schorr** would be a troublemaker all her life. In November in San Diego, the American Academy of Nursing named her a Living Legend as a role model for other nurses. She is the wife of **Norman Schorr**, co-chairman of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee. Thelma earned her troublemaker status when she was a 22-year-old nurse at New York City's Bellevue Hospital. During a tuberculosis outbreak, she led a nurses protest after the hospital put TB patients in open rather than isolation wards. Hospital and city officials ignored the protest until she told newspapers what was happening at Bellevue, generating banner headlines. The commissioner of hospitals then opened a separate facility for TB patients. Schorr's crusade led to her being hired in 1950 by the *American Journal of Nursing*, and she spent 40 years on the journal's staff, becoming editor-in-chief and then president and publisher.

About 150 journalists and photographers, active and retired, who worked in Europe, Latin America, Asia and the United States for United Press, UPI and Acme Newspictures when they were owned by Scripps-Howard, gathered Nov. 17 for a reunion in the 7th Regiment Armory on Park Avenue. Among OPC members swapping tall tales from the past and present were **Bill Holstein**, **Norman Schorr**, **Fred Ferguson**, **John MacArthur**, **Al Kaff** and former OPC member **Gordon Joseloff**. After working on newspapers and before becoming publisher of *Harper's* magazine, MacArthur said he learned how to write fast during six months on UPI's foreign desk, and "That's how I could write two books." One OPCer reported that OPC member **Jennifer Stevenson** is studying to become an educator after a career at the *St. Petersburg (Florida) Times*. Jennifer is the daughter of our late Club president, **H. L. Stevenson**, and his widow, **Bunny Stevenson**, also an OPC member. Traveling the farthest to attend the reunion were **Rikio Imajo**, now director of AP Wide World Photos Japan in Tokyo, and his wife **Masako**.

QUEZON CITY, Philippines: Following a long Filipino tradition, **Lucrecia (Boots) Duque**, OPC office assistant, flew from New York to her hometown in the Philippines to observe

All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 and All Souls' Day on Nov. 2 by visiting the graves of her parents. "Next to Christmas, this is the biggest holiday of the year in the Philippines," she told the *Bulletin*. Boots was joined by her three brothers and one sister who live in the Philippines and five sisters who live in the United States. Boots said they had a great time together despite a typhoon and heavy rains.

TAIPEI: **Helmut Philip Hetzel**, chairman of the Association of European Journalists and correspondent for the German newspaper *Die Welt*, this autumn received the Republic of China's 1999 International Communication Award. He has reported from China, Taiwan and several European countries.

TEHERAN: On Nov. 9, **Akbar Ganji**, 40, an investigative journalist charged with harming Iranian security, accused security forces of torturing him during his past seven months in jail. Escorted by two policemen into a courtroom packed with journalists, Ganji shouted: "I was tortured! They kicked me

in the head because I refused to wear the prison uniform." He then tore off the top of his prison uniform and sat shirtless in Teheran's Revolutionary Court. Ganji said he opposed wearing a prison uniform, because he is a political prisoner, not a common criminal, AP reported. Judge Hassan Moqaddas told Ganji to file a complaint against his jailers, promising to take action. Ganji is one of 17 people being tried on charges stemming from their attendance in April at a Berlin conference, which hard-liners condemned as hostile to Iran and its Islamic principles. Ganji wrote columns linking government officials to the killing of dissidents (June *Bulletin*).



Akbar Ganji

TOKYO: **Bernie Krisher**, a longtime Tokyo-based journalist, spent October in the United States interviewing applicants to work on the Phnom Penh newspaper he founded and published, *The Cambodian Daily*, and soliciting support for his projects to build schools in rural Cambodian villages that lack electricity and telephones and where annual per

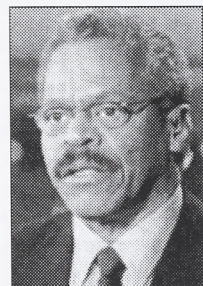
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capita income is \$37. While he and his wife, **Akiko**, were in the States, their daughter **Debbie** gave birth in Tokyo to her first child, a boy. Married to **Doug Steele** of Open Society, an organization that helps developing nations, Debbie is Japan and Southeast Asia bureau chief for the U.S.-funded Radio Free Asia (September *Bulletin*).

WASHINGTON: **Bernard Shaw**, who presented the OPC awards at the Club's annual awards dinner several years ago, plans to leave CNN on Feb. 28 when his current four-year contract expires. Shaw, 60, a network news anchor, said he plans to write an autobiography and spend more time with his family. "This decision was cast four years ago when I negotiated my last contract," Shaw told the *New York Daily News* in November when he announced his departure. "It's time for me to walk off the stage and do other things that are much more important in my mind's eye." Shaw was one of the original CNN staffers when the 24-hour cable news network was started in 1980. Based in the United States, he was on assignment in Baghdad in January 1991 during the Persian Gulf War, reporting live from a hotel room along with **Peter Arnett**, now an OPC board member, while American bombs rained down outside the window. In May 1989, Shaw was in Beijing to cover the visit of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev when student demonstrations broke out in Tiananmen Square.



Bernard Shaw

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Ann McDaniel, a *Newsweek* managing editor and its Washington bureau chief, will become senior director of human resources at The Washington Post Company in January. She will be succeeded at *Newsweek* by **Daniel Klaidman**, Jerusalem bureau chief since 1999 after covering the U.S. Justice Department.

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On U.S. presidential election night, **Chris Matthews**, anchor for cable television's MSNBC's "Hardball," looked at a checkered map of the United States with states won by George W. Bush colored

red, Al Gore's states in blue and undecided states in yellow. Matthews exclaimed: "Looks like a political map of the old Yugoslavia." Pointing to New Hampshire, colored red for Bush and surrounded by blue states for Gore, he declared: "That's Berlin in the Cold War."



Chris Matthews

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Pew Fellowships in International Journalism for Spring 2001 have been awarded to eight U.S. journalists who will study at the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University starting in January and then report from overseas. The winners and the countries from which they will report are: **Koren Capozza**, San Francisco freelancer, Canada; **Elisabetta Anna Coletti**, *The Christian Science Monitor*, Morocco; **Vanessa Ho**, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, China; **Beatrice Hogan**, *Vanity Fair*, Kyrgyzstan; **Christopher Hondros**, New York freelance photojournalist, Nigeria; **Richard Raeke**, *The Anniston (Alabama) Star*, Cuba; **Raghuram Vadarevu**, *Providence Journal Interactive*, India; and **Andrea Wideneer**, *Contra Costa Newspapers*, Russia. OPC member **John Schidlovsky** directs the Pew Fellowships and one of the judges was OPC board member **Seymour Topping**.

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OPC member **Wes Pedersen** remembered a breakfast he shared with **Maggie Higgins** when he read the November *Bulletin* item on a proposed movie about the adventures and friendship of Higgins and **Keyes Beech**, both winners of 1951 Pulitzer Prizes for Korean War reporting. "Higgins was a beautiful woman when



Maggie Higgins

she wasn't prepped for battle," Pedersen told the *Bulletin*. "A knockout in an evening gown. But front-line habits die hard, and she sometimes failed to pay as much attention to her appearance as another striking woman might." President Eisenhower was in Paris in 1960, when Pedersen and Higgins shared breakfast. Pedersen continued: "She bolted down a mess of eggs,

then whipped out her lipstick, daubed red over a streak of egg and took off to huddle with Ike. I didn't have the nerve to tell her about the egg. Yes, it did show through a bit." Higgins covered World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In his book "American Heroes of Asian Wars," published by *Army Times*, Pedersen wrote a chapter on Higgins. "She was as much a hero of Vietnam as any GI," Pedersen said.

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Here's another Pedersen tidbit from history. Years ago, Pedersen worked with **Paul Garvey**, a retired USIA reporter who died Sept. 25 after 40 years as a newsman in Asia, Europe and Washington, D.C. (November *Bulletin*). Now director of communications at the Public Affairs Council, Pedersen told the *Bulletin* that many people thought Garvey resembled Richard Nixon. Pedersen reported an incident that happened when Nixon was U.S. vice president:

"During an Eisenhower-Bulgarian summit meeting in Geneva in 1955, Paul and I finished up our reports late one evening and went to a suburban chateau for dinner with several other correspondents. After a few minutes, an Italian barmaid showed up, spotted Paul and shrieked, 'Señor Neexon!' For the next hour, she worked mightily to seduce 'the vice president of the United States.' Ultimately, Paul took off with an attractive French photographer. The barmaid was beyond consolation. Still, those of us who remained did try. Mr. Nixon, we assured her, had been one mean fellow for leading her down the garden path."

WHITMORE, California: In a November letter to **Robert (Baldy) Miller**, Australian journalist and author **Denis Warner** reported that he and his wife, author **Peggy Warner**, escaped injury when a tree fell on their house in Mt. Eliza, Victoria, Australia. A World War II correspondent in the Central Pacific, Denis, who turns 83 in December, reported from Asia for British, Australian and U.S. publications more than 30 years and won OPC citations in 1956 and 1958. During the closing stages of the war, he was injured when a Japanese kamikaze pilot attacked his ship. Denis and his wife wrote several books including "The Tide at Sunrise: A History of the Russo-Japanese War 1904-1905" [New York: Charterhouse, 1974]. Miller, 85, who for decades

hopped around Asia for United Press, now divides his time between California, Hawaii and Australia.

IN MEMORY

Lars-Erik Nelson, Washington columnist for the New York *Daily News* and a former foreign correspondent, died in a Washington, D.C., hospital Nov. 20 shortly after suffering an apparent stroke while watching a TV movie at his home in Brookmount, Maryland. His final column, published the day after he died, dealt with the fight for Florida's electoral votes in the U.S. Presidential election. From 1967-1977, Nelson was a Reuters correspondent in London, Moscow, Prague, New York and Washington, and briefly a diplomatic correspondent for *Newsweek*. He joined the *Daily News* Washington staff in 1979, was bureau chief for about a decade, then a columnist for the Long Island daily *Newsday*, returning to the *Daily News* in 1995. He was a contributor to the *New York Review of Books*, an amateur artist in watercolors and pencil drawings, and a linguist fluent in Russian, competent in Polish and Czech, and with a little knowledge of French, Italian and Japanese. During a trip to Latin America with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Nelson bought a guitar and learned to play it on the flight back to Washington. In a condolence message, President Clinton called Nelson "one of New York's most distinctive voices and one of America's leading journalists. He was a fearless, independent, no-nonsense reporter and columnist who believed in getting it right." Kissinger commented: "I respected him enormously as a journalist and I am proud to consider him a friend. He walked his own way."

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Robert Trout, 91, a pioneering radio and TV journalist who covered the early days of World War II in Europe and big stories in the United States during a career of nearly 70 years, died Nov. 14 in New York City. He was one of the reporters hired in the 1930s by **Edward R. Murrow** who became known as the "Murrow Boys," stars of CBS News during and after the war who included **Alexander Kendrick**, for whom an OPC Foundation scholarship is named. In 1931, Trout joined an Alexandria, Virginia, radio station that was acquired the next year by CBS. During the 1930s, Trout made introductory remarks before President Roosevelt's talks and coined

the term "fireside chats" to describe Roosevelt's talks. Among the stories Trout covered were King George VI's coronation, Wallis Warfield Simpson's marriage to the Duke of Windsor, opening of Boulder Dam, now Hoover Dam, in Arizona, Republican and Democratic national conventions, Winston Churchill's funeral, U.S. Naval maneuvers and several Kentucky Derbies. Trout was broadcasting from London on Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He was back at CBS New York when the Allies invaded France on June 6, 1944,



Robert Trout

and he made 35 D-Day broadcasts in 24 hours, staying on the air for one stretch of 7 hours and 18 minutes. After post-war reporting in the United States, Trout returned to Europe in 1965 and worked from his homes in Paris and Madrid, primarily for CBS but also for ABC, NBC and National Public Radio. His last NPR report was broadcast two weeks before his death. OPC member **Dan Rather**, the CBS News anchor, called Trout "a gentle, intelligent and marvelously experienced journalist and broadcaster—a first-vote hall of famer who accomplished the rare feat of becoming a legend first in radio and then in television news."

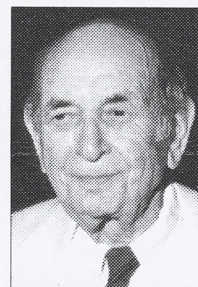
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OPC member **Harry C. Levin**, 91, a newsman throughout his long career, died of cancer Nov. 8 in New York City. In 1917 at age 8 on the first day of his first job as a newsboy in downtown Cleveland, he shouted out the headline, "All about the Russian Revolution." His career in Cleveland included reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and a King Features editor. In the mid-1930s, he moved to New York and during World War II served as regional chief of the Office of War Information's domestic branch. After the war, Levin was national manager of community relations for two chemical companies, Celanese and American Cyanamid, fostering an awareness by managers and top executives of emerging environmental concerns. After retiring at age 65, he became a consultant to the nonprofit Institute for Applied Economics, organizing activities to involve corporate America in programs to strengthen public education.

Levin regarded his work as a script-

writer for the March of Time radio show, 1935-1939, as the most memorable of his career. With a weekly audience of 22 million, the show dramatized the news with actors, music and sound effects. Highlight events included King Edward VIII's abdication and Hitler's takeover of Central Europe. From 1989 until his death, Levin was a student at Hunter College, studying African literature, history of jazz, the Dead Sea scrolls and the Harlem Renaissance.

The OPC, which he joined in 1966, occupied a special place in his life. When the Club was located on 40th Street, he met **Felice**, who became his wife. She later served as an OPC officer and long-time board member. Harry and Felice maintained separate memberships to support the club and preserve their own identities.

During the 1980s, Harry served as commodore of the Overseas Yacht Club, an offshoot of the OPC that continued until last year. Many members never owned a rowboat, much less a yacht, but they enjoyed good fellowship. "Harry, a raconteur who enjoyed tall tales rather than being expert at sails, never tired of wearing his commodore's cap with its official emblem and receiving salutes from young sailors honoring his affiliation and his rank," Felice told the *Bulletin*.



Harry C. Levin

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OPC member **Fred J. Archibald's** news and military career included high school summer work at the *Albany (New York) Times-Union*, *Cornell Daily Sun* staffer when he was a Cornell student, a 1945 West Point graduate, officer-in-charge of the U.S. military newspaper *Daily Pacifican* in Manila, news desk at the Pentagon's Public Information Division, an Army aide to President Truman, news division chief at U.S. Armed Forces Headquarters in Tokyo, public relations for General Motors, managing editor and associate publisher of *The Frederick (Maryland) News-Post*, dog show judge and gentleman farmer, raising beef cattle. Archibald, 78, died at his Frederick home Nov. 7 after a long illness.

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Former OPC member **Joseph W.**
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Grigg, 90, of Peachtree City Georgia, a longtime correspondent in Europe, died Oct. 29. He was the son of a London correspondent for the *New York Sun*. After education at Westminster Boys School in London and Cambridge's Trinity College, Grigg spent 50 years with United Press, serving as bureau manager in Berlin, London, Paris, Frankfurt and Bonn. He retired in 1982 when he was the wire service's chief European correspondent. In a report to the *Bulletin*, **Boyd D. Lewis**, 95, a UP correspondent in Europe during World War II, called Grigg "a fine reporter and writer."

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Katherine W. Fanning wasn't a foreign correspondent. But for five years she was editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, which maintained a string of reporters around the world. "During her years in that job, she was credited with bringing increasingly bright and informative stories to its pages and in increasing both the quantity and quality of its foreign coverage," *The Washington Post* wrote. In 1950, she married **Marshall Field IV**, a multimillionaire member of a family that owned a Chicago department store and who was editor and publisher of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *Chicago Daily News*. After their divorce in 1963,



Katherine Fanning

she and her three children drove a station wagon north on the Alaska Highway to Anchorage. She joined the *Anchorage Daily News* to organize its library for \$2 an hour and soon became a reporter for the newspaper. In 1966, she married **Larry Fanning**, a former executive editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and the following year the couple bought the Anchorage newspaper. After her husband died of a heart attack at his desk in 1971, she became editor and publisher of the Anchorage newspaper that won the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for public service with a 15-part investigative series on the Teamsters union in Alaska. "The newspaper also took controversial liberal stands on gun control, environmental issues and the land rights of Alaskan natives, earning it the enmity of the business establishment," **Edward Wong** of *The New York Times* wrote. In 1983, Fanning moved to Boston to become editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*. In Boston, she became the first woman president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and was a member of the AP board of directors. In 1988, she and two other top editors resigned from *The Monitor* over budget cuts ordered by the Christian Science Church. She and her third husband, **Amos Matthews**, who survives, then traveled extensively, including trips to Syria, Jordan, Russia and Malaysia. Katherine Woodruff Fanning, 73, died Oct. 19 of colon cancer at her Boston home, where she was writing a book about her years in Alaska.

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Warren James Grinde, 78, an editor on three U.S. newspapers and the European edition of *Stars & Stripes*, died of a stroke Aug. 26 at his home in Gjerdrum, Norway. After growing up in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, a mostly Norwegian-American small town, Grinde served in World War II, first with British combat forces in the Middle East, then as an American Field Service ambulance driver and finally in the U.S. Army with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in New Guinea and the Philippines. After the war, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a journalism degree and then worked for *The Milwaukee Journal*, the *Rochester (Minnesota) Post-Bulletin* and the *Minneapolis Star* before moving to Oslo, where he worked nearly six years as a public relations specialist at the U.S. Embassy. Finally, Grinde spent 26 years with *Stars & Stripes* in Germany. He recently completed a book

based on a diary of his World War II experiences. **Pete Shinn**, who worked with Grinde on the U.S. military newspaper, called Grinde "a fast, accurate copy editor, slotman and one of the best headline writers we had. He always had the witty idea that could draw the reader in with a chuckle."

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about 90, was co-sponsored by the OPC and the Foreign Policy Association.

Among Asia's fundamental challenges is a huge environmental problem. "Every day in China ten times as many people die from pollution as were killed in Tiananmen Square," Kristof reported.

Other problems of the region include a lack of rule of law and grinding poverty that permits families to sell daughters into slavery and prostitution and divisive hatreds stemming from conflicts and cruelties of the past.

"And yet we are optimistic," Kristof said, citing the undaunted spirit of Asians and their resilience. "Gradually the huge burden of history is being whittled down."

But the successes of Asia are not without problems for the United States and other countries. "It seems to us we should be focusing on how do we manage a rising Asia," he said.

WuDunn said the Asian crisis of several years ago was first seen as the worst thing that could happen, but now has had beneficial results. "They needed the crisis to tell them that unrealistic growth rates couldn't continue forever and that systems weakened by cronyism and corruption were not working." Poor and unreliable accounting and bank weaknesses have been recognized and corrections initiated, she said.

Recently the Kristofs have been transferred by the *Times* from Tokyo to New York and have been covering the U.S. election campaign. Kristof told OPCers he realized it was time to come home when his older son turned from watching a Japanese baseball game and asked his father if baseball was played in the United States too. The realization was reinforced when his younger son told a visitor that his favorite Japanese food was McDonalds.

The talk was sprinkled with humor and touches of mutual respect and affection. If their book is half as engaging and graceful as the Kristofs, it is sure to be a runaway bestseller.

Gracie Awards

The 26th annual Gracie Allen awards honoring "Programming by Women, for Women and about Women" has set February 2, 2001 as the deadline for entries.

The Foundation of American Women in Radio and Television, sponsor of the Gracies, said the awards recognize people who have helped advance the impact of women in the industry through their work."

For information contact the American Women in Radio and Television, Inc., Gracie Allen Awards, 1595 Spring Hill Road, Suite 330, Vienna, VA 22182. Tel: (703) 506-3290. Fax: (703) 506-3266.

NEW BOOKS

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Turkish coasts in the summer of 1959, when Onassis, then married to Tina Livanos, seduced Callas and the notorious affair began." Gage dug up minute details in the affair between the shipping tycoon and the opera singer. For example, *The Washington Post* wrote that the author pins "the exact minute Onassis's yacht, the Christina, docked at each stop of the cruise that brought the lovers together."

NORTH AMERICA

• After 33 years as a missionary in Ghana, his body wracked with malaria, Father Martin Mulloy returns to the United States and finds the Catholic Church charged with tensions and confusion following the Ecumenical Council of Vatican II. It's 1998 and in Washington, D.C., a physician tells Mulloy that "Catholics, including the clergy, are more confused than I am... I see the American Church. It's granting sixty thousand marriage annulments a year. Sixty thousand! More than any other country in the world... What's so sacred about marriage in the Catholic Church?... Homosexuality among priests has become one of the



Jack Casserly

greatest scandals in Church history.... reports say hundreds, if not thousands, of our priests admit that not only are they gay, but many are active bisexually." Later a Washington married couple, a former priest and former nun, asks Mulloy about the state of the Church in Africa, and Mulloy replies: "I saw none of the ferment that exists here [United States]. No differences over Church doctrine or authority. No challenges to the hierarchy. Africans don't think like Americans. They seek unanimity."

Father Mulloy is the central character in the novel "Lions in the City: Missionary to America" [Los Angeles: VCA Publishing] by former OPC member **Jack Casserly**, a veteran correspondent for International News Service, CBS News and ABC News whose reporting has taken him to the Vatican and wars in Korea, Lebanon, Algeria and Vietnam. In the novel, Casserly, a Catholic, introduces the reader to Father Malloy's older brother, Monsignor Donald Mulloy, who is more a politician than a priest; Bernard

Cardinal McQuaid, an old guard Catholic leader; B. B. Brambles, a streetwise black youth; and Nefertiti, the beautiful daughter of a Ghana tribal chief who defies her father by converting to Catholicism and becoming a nun.

In the preface, **Barrett McGurn**, OPC president, 1963-1965, and a former *New York Herald-Tribune* correspondent in Paris, Rome and Moscow, writes: "Jack Casserly has devoted a lifetime to the study of the Catholic Church.... Casserly describes the tumult and restlessness that the American Catholic Church has encountered while striving to remain faithful to the religious insights of two millennia ago." McGurn also is a Catholic expert. As a cub reporter, he covered sermons at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and he covered the Vatican during 13 years as Rome bureau chief. In "How I Got That Story" [New York: Dutton, 1967], written by OPC members, McGurn commented: "Covering the Vatican, I soon found out, was one of the most frustrating of news assignments. The Vatican thought in terms of thousands of years. Newsmen, especially the large corps of agency workers, did not even measure time on so broad a scale as thousands of seconds."

SOUTH AMERICA

• Journalist **Patrick Tierney's** "Darkness in El Dorado: How Scientists and Journalists Devastated the Amazon" [New York: Norton] stirred controversy even before the book's November publication. In one of his charges, Tierney writes that anthropologists inoculated Yanomami Indians with a measles vaccine in 1968 and suggests the experiment possibly contributed to an epidemic in which "hundreds, perhaps thousands" of people died in a population of little more than 20,000. Of this experiment, *New York Times* science reporters **John Noble Wilford** and **Simon Romero** wrote: "That is the most inflammatory of several cases described by Mr. Tierney as examples of careless and, perhaps, unethical behavior by anthropologists and filmmakers who visited and studied the isolated Yanomami Indians. Living to themselves in the Amazon Basin of southern Venezuela and northern Brazil and having virtually no contact with outsiders until the 1950s, the Yanomami have become to social scientists models of what primitive Stone Age cultures must have been like. Some anthropologists who have read the book or a summary urged the American

Anthropological Association or some other scientific body to start an inquiry. Others familiar with some of the points insist that they are unfounded or exaggerated." One leader of the 1968 measles project, Dr. Napoleon A. Chagnon, professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, denied the allegations, telling the *Times* reporters: "No Indians that we gave the vaccine to died."

PRESS FREEDOM

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100,000 abductions, according to Ramos-Horta.

Ramos-Horta said he was asked recently by a journalist whether the deaths and devastation were worth independence.

"My answer was: 'One single life lost is one life too many.' He described the deaths of his own family members against the backdrop of East Timor's struggle against control by the central Indonesian government in Jakarta.

"If, in five years from now when you visit us," said Ramos-Horta, "and you see a country that is not terribly prosperous, but is free like Liechtenstein, like Luxembourg, free like Long Island." The audience chuckled. "I mention Long Island because it is roughly the size of East Timor. Then I will say we did not betray those who died."

Ramos-Horta said he joked with reporters with whom he formed an East Timor Journalists Association. "I told them I was in charge of the media," he said. "My policy is very basic: Let 1,000 newspapers blossom and bust. I don't care. Set up whatever newspapers you want, and television."

But with a smile, he added: "I told the journalists: (the) one thing I like about the American system is that if you tell lies, I'll sue you."

Ramos-Horta said that he successfully sued an Australian movie star magazine in 1994 and won a \$300,000 payment for an article he deemed "very offensive." He expressed a mock complaint that he had been unable to find other offensive articles.

But he added an admonition to journalists in his home country: "I tell them your training has to do... with integrity, ethics, facts, because too often, if you look at the emerging media in Indonesia, in East Timor, in eastern Central Europe, it does not do a great service... It is more like junk."

New Books

GLOBAL

• In 1937, an associate editor at *National Geographic* was dubious about sending a woman photographer on a European assignment, arguing that "girls" didn't take foreign trips alone. But editor **Gilbert H. Grosvenor** disagreed, and he gave **Dorothy Hosmer** the go-ahead. Between 1938 and 1940, *National Geographic* published three of her illustrated articles on a bicycle trip through Poland and Romania. Now 89, Dorothy Hosmer Lee is featured in "Women Photographers at National Geographic" [Washington: National Geographic Society]. After her European trip, she married, was widowed, worked for the U.S. Air Force until 1971 and then started traveling again, including a trip to China. Photos made by 40 women featured in this book are on display at Newseum/New York until Jan. 27 (November *Bulletin*).

AFRICA

• Journalist **Gloria Emerson** covered the Vietnam War and wrote "Winners & Losers," a book that examined the scars Vietnam left on the American people, winning a 1978 National Book Award. Now she has written her first novel, "Loving Graham Greene" [New York: Random House]. Central character is Molly Benson, a wealthy, liberal-minded woman who lives in Princeton, New Jersey, and works one day a week in a bookstore. Molly has read everything Greene has written, and the British novelist becomes her moral guide and conscience. What makes Molly love Geene is

"his compassion for the poor and the tormented and the lonely." During the Algerian civil war, Molly goes there and gives money to Algerian writers and journalists so they can hire bodyguards to protect them from hit squads. But her efforts fail. Writing in *The New York Times*, novelist **William Boyd** commented: "Molly's fond dreams and painful disappointments are universal and will be understood by decent people, not just those of the Vietnam War generation....Emerson has produced a funny, moving and strangely profound novel. I think Graham Greene would have been pleased."

ASIA

• **A. J. (Jack) Langguth** covered the Vietnam War for *The New York Times*. In "Our Vietnam: The War 1954-1975" [New York: Simon & Schuster], Langguth writes that in Vietnam U.S. Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon failed "the people of the North, the people of the South and the people of the United States." Reviewing the book in *The Washington Post*, **Lloyd C. Gardner**, a professor of history at Rutgers University, commented: "The panoramic view of 'Our Vietnam' moves adroitly from the confused scenes of fighting inside Vietnam to the highest counsels of war in national capitals and then back again to focus on scenes of individual courage and evil behavior....Certainly no previous book has managed nearly so well in setting before us the full experience of those years in torment and tragic endings."

EUROPE

• **Adam Gopnik** grew up in Philadelphia but writes, "I've wanted to live in

Paris since I was 8." And live in Paris he has, as a *New Yorker* correspondent, 1995-2000. In "Paris to the Moon" [New York: Random House], Gopnik combines essays he wrote for the magazine with new material to reflect on French cafes, cooking, strikes, fax machines, Christmas trees, electric plugs, toys, football, hospitals and other things. His comments are evocative: "It is as if all American appliances dreamed of being cars while all French appliances dreamed of being telephones," noting that French are obsessed with telephones because they love to communicate. Gopnik tries to explain why his refrigerator in Manhattan looks different from one in Paris. He writes about French three-prong electrical plugs while Americans usually leave plugs ungrounded. "He [Gopnik] is truly able to see the whole world in a grain of sand," **Alain de Botton** wrote in *The New York Times*.

• A love affair of the last century is described in "Greek Fire: The Story of Maria Callas and Aristotle Onassis" [New York: Knopf] by **Nicholas Gage**, a Greek-born reporter. He has reported for *The Wall Street Journal*, Associated Press, the *Boston Herald Traveler* and *The New York Times* for which he was an Athens-based correspondent in the late 1970s. **Sally Bedell**



Nicholas Gage

Smith wrote in *The New York Times*: "The centerpiece of the book, covering seven out of 23 chapters, is the saga of the three-week cruise along the Greek and

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